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GAMBIT

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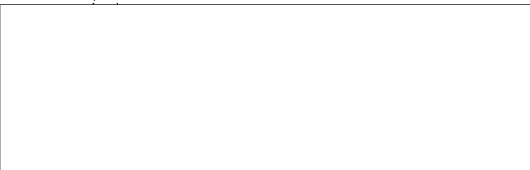
**MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

GAMBIT Mission 4023, launched November 8, appeared to be normal on its initial orbits; however, on orbit 4 control gas consumption was abnormally high and by orbit 10 the normal supply was depleted. The cause of this problem is, at present, unknown.

Useful photography may have been obtained on perhaps 3 orbits.

Recovery, using the back-up stabilization system is scheduled for orbit 18, this afternoon at 1655 EST.

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Alexander H. Flax
Director
National Reconnaissance Office

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Control System

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